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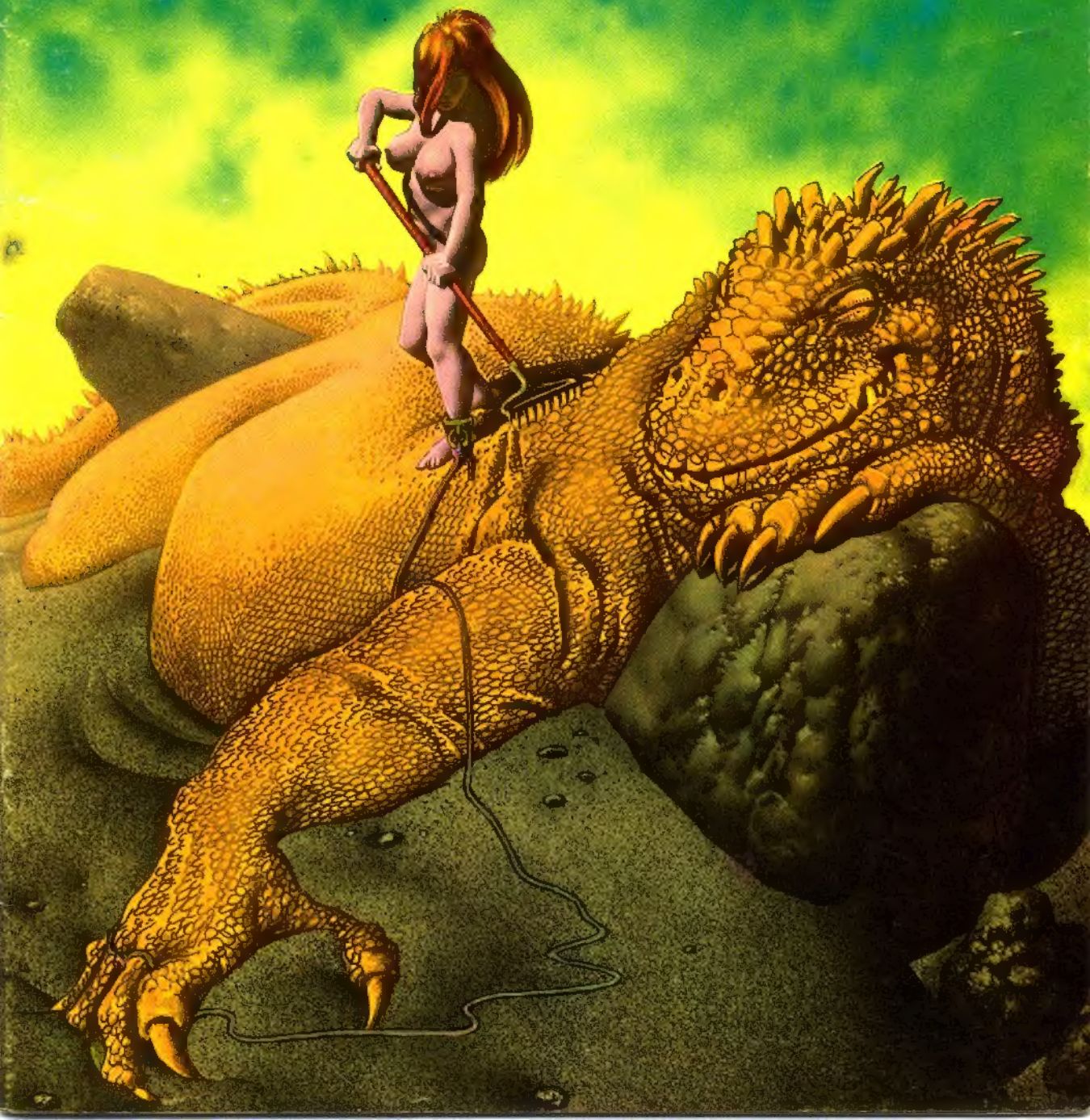

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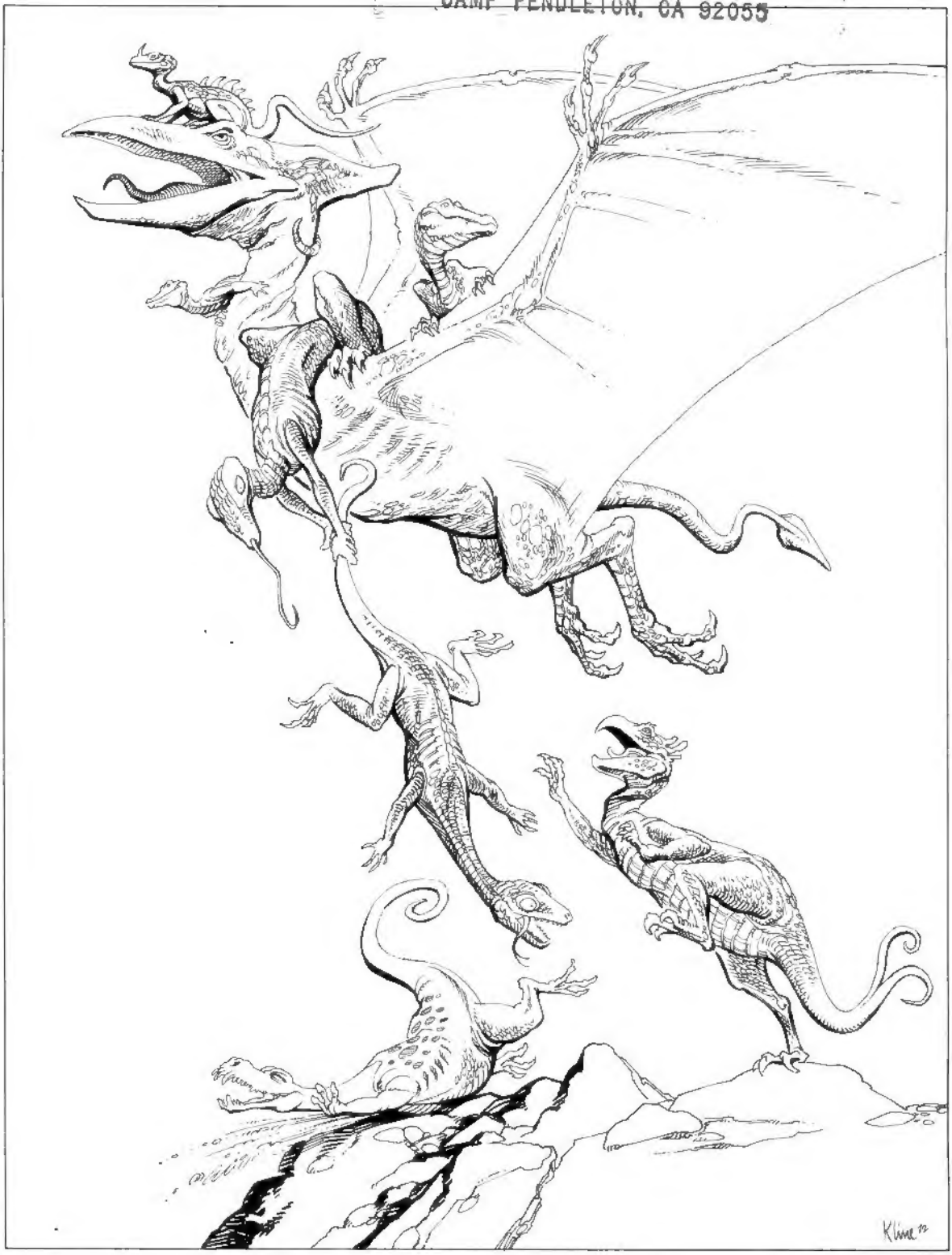

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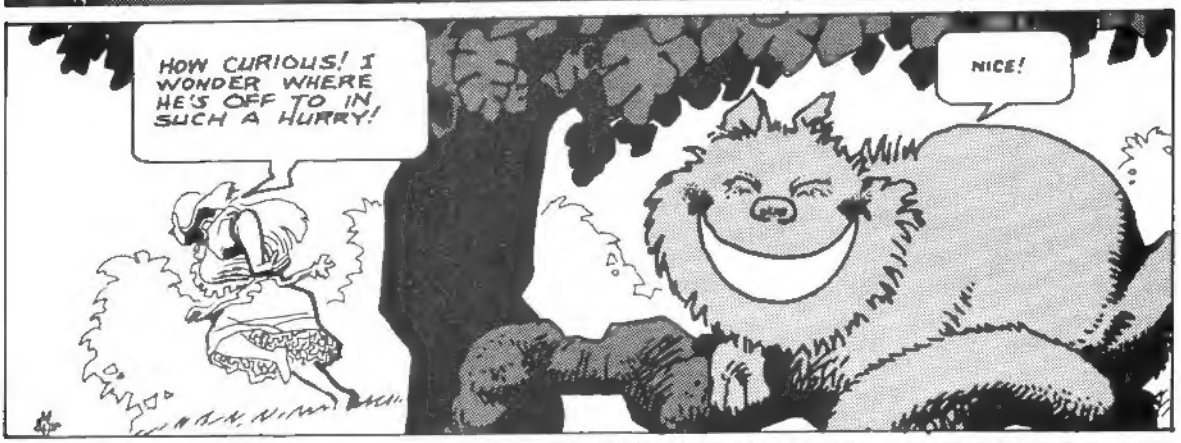
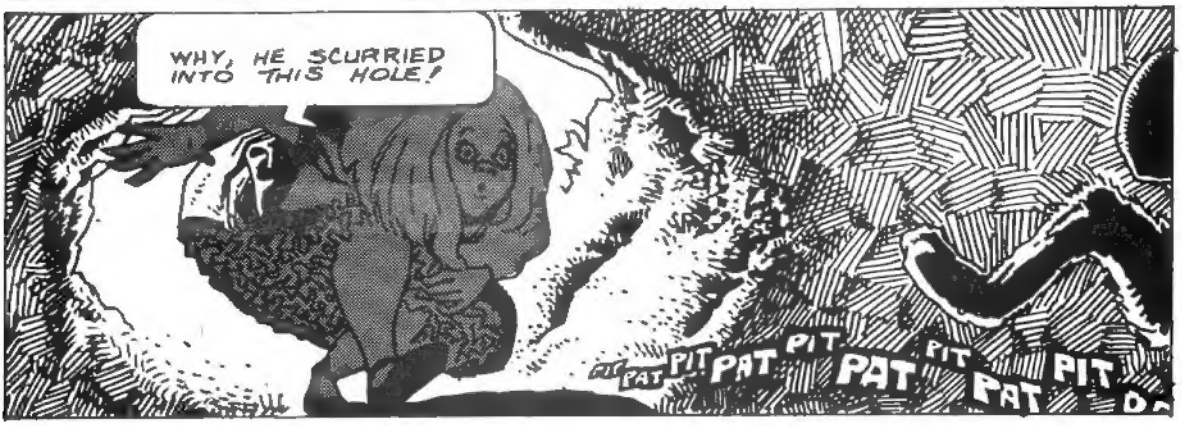
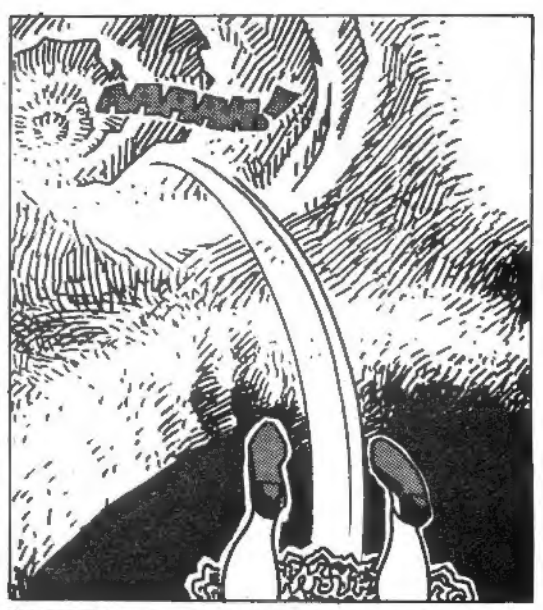
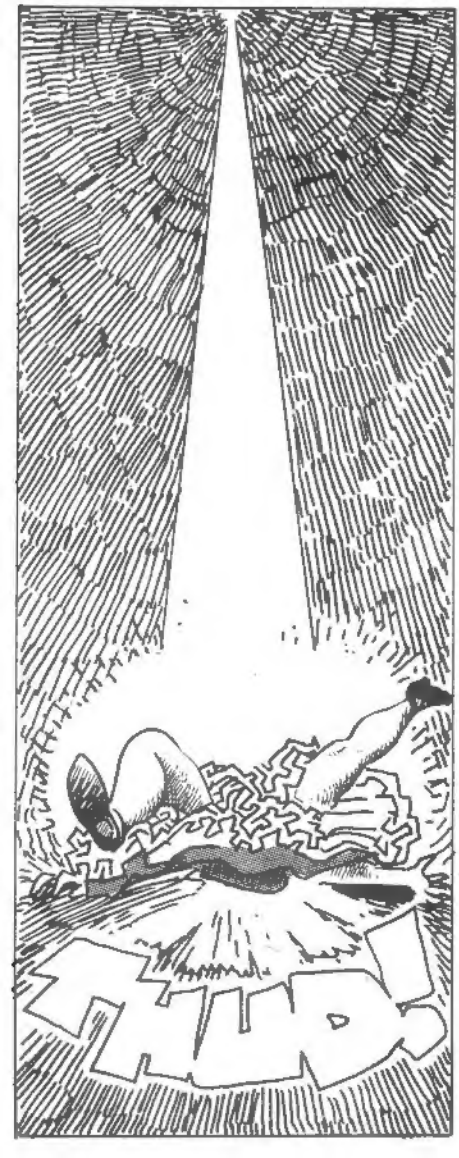
ALICE IN WONDERLUST
ON MY GOODNESS! DINAH! LOOK AT THAT!


HOW CURIOUS! I WONDER WHERE HE'S OFF TO IN SUCH A HURRY!
NICE!


WHY, HE SCURRIED INTO THIS HOLE!
PAT PIT PAT PIT PAT PIT PAT PIT

DID HE COME THIS WAY? I THOUGHT SURE-


AAAAAA!


FLUP!

OOPS!

HEH HEH!
GIT'ER!
OH!... DINAH! THANK HEAVENS... IT WAS JUST A DREAM.
NICE!
THE END

LEANDER and the FAT QUEEN

WRITTEN BY JAN STRNAD
ILLUSTRATED BY BOB KLINE

LIKE BIRD DROPPINGS FROM A BRIGHT BLUE SKY, HIGH ADVENTURE IS A CALAMITY THAT CAN BEFALL ANYONE AT ANY TIME, PITCHING HIM FROM HIS LIFE OF QUIET DESPERATION INTO ONE OF CARD-CARRYING PANIC. WHAT TURNS A TIMMIE INTO A HERO? PURE CHANCE, FRIENDS, PURE CHANCE.

CREAK CREAK

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TONIGHT'S VICTIM IS NAMED LEANDER. THAT'S HIM DOWN BELOW, SQUEAKING HIS WAY HOMEWARD AFTER A LONG DAY OF NOTHING IN PARTICULAR.

CREAK CREAK CREAK

NOT EXACTLY KRUNCH THE BARBARIAN OR ZAK OF TIMBUKTU, I'LL ADMIT, BUT THESE DAYS YOU TAKE WHAT YOU CAN GET.

CREAK CREAK CREAK

WELL, NOTHING TO DO NOW BUT SIT BACK AND WATCH THE WHEELS OF FATE IN ACTION...

UH-OH. TIME T'MOVE OVER.

NICE NIGHT FOR A RIDE, EH?

UMPH.

HUH?

HEY! WAIT A MINUTE!

YOU AREN'T THE ONLY ONE USES THIS ROAD Y'KNOW! I GOT **SOME** RIGHTS!

THIS **STAIN'S** GONNA BE HARD TO GET OUT, AND, UH, I WOULDN'T WANTA GET **TOUGH**...!

PLEASE! I UNDERSTAND **PERFECTLY**... AND I'LL BE **GLAD** TO MAKE AMENDS.

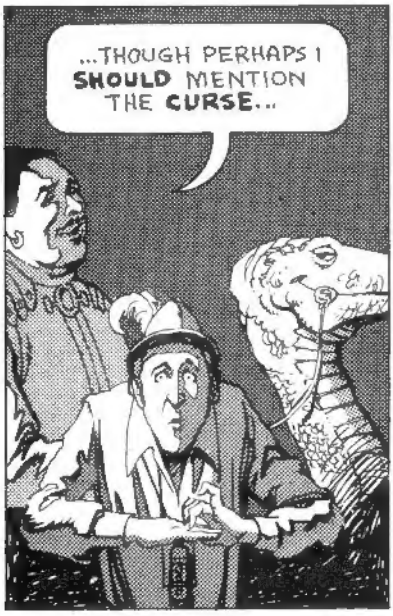
YOU WILL?

OF **COURSE**! IN FACT, I THINK I HAVE JUST THE **ITEM** TO HELP YOU FORGIVE MY MOUNT'S, AH, **INDISCRETION**!

NOW LET'S SEE, WHERE DID I PUT THAT? I KNOW IT'S IN HERE SOMEWHERE IF I CAN JUST... AH! HERE IT IS!
RUSTLE RUSTLE

PLEASE, ACCEPT THIS RING AS A TOKEN OF MY REGRET!
WELL! THANKS!

THAT'S MIGHTY GENEROUS OF YOU! REAL GOLD, TOO!
I'M A FAIR MAN!

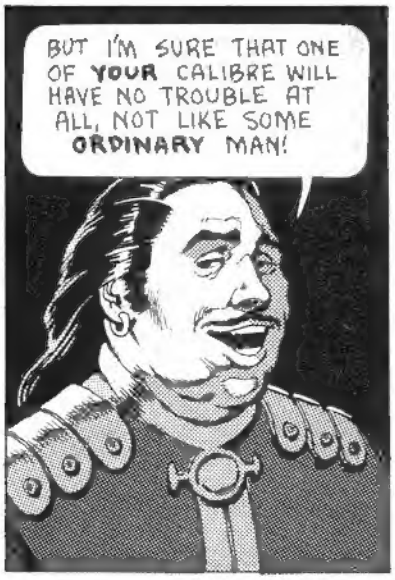

...THOUGH PERHAPS I **SHOULD** MENTION THE **CURSE**...

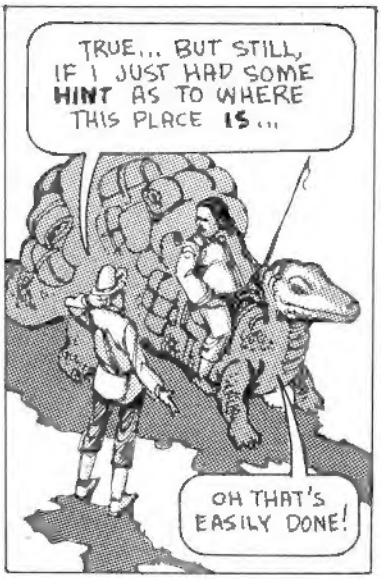
OH NO YOU DON'T! - OOF! - I'M NOT GETTING STUCK WITH NO - UGH! - HEXED RING!

I'M AFRAID YOU HAVEN'T A CHOICE — IT CAN ONLY BE REMOVED BY MARRIAGE TO HEPHZIBAH, QUEEN OF THE LOST ISLAND OF GRZZ, THE LAST RINGBEARER NEVER **MADE** IT, SAD TO SAY.
SCRITCH SCRITCH

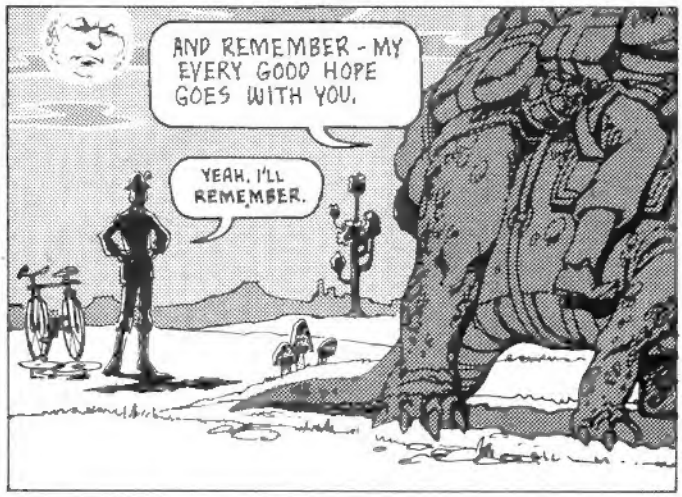
WELL? WHAT - OUCH! - WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM?
I'M SITTING ON HIM. THE COMPLETE CHANGE TAKES ABOUT A MONTH.

OH LORD...


BUT I'M SURE THAT ONE OF **YOUR** CALIBRE WILL HAVE NO TROUBLE AT ALL, NOT LIKE SOME **ORDINARY** MAN!

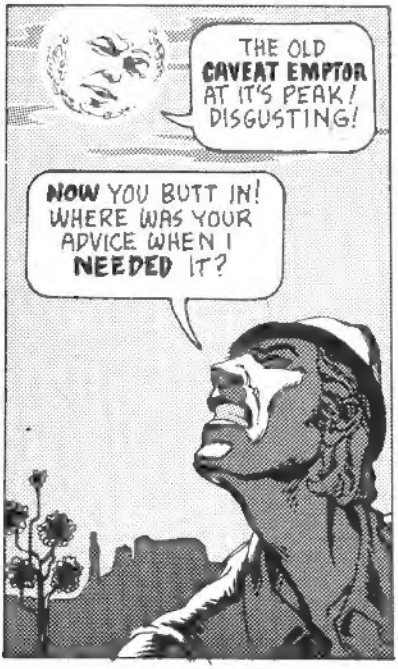

TRUE... BUT STILL, IF I JUST HAD SOME **HINT** AS TO WHERE THIS PLACE **IS**...
OH THAT'S EASILY DONE!

AFTER ALL, YOU KNOW WHERE EVERYPLACE **ELSE** IS! JUST GO WHERE EVERYPLACE **ISN'T**!
THAT MAKES SENSE...


AND REMEMBER - MY EVERY GOOD HOPE GOES WITH YOU.
YEAH, I'LL REMEMBER.

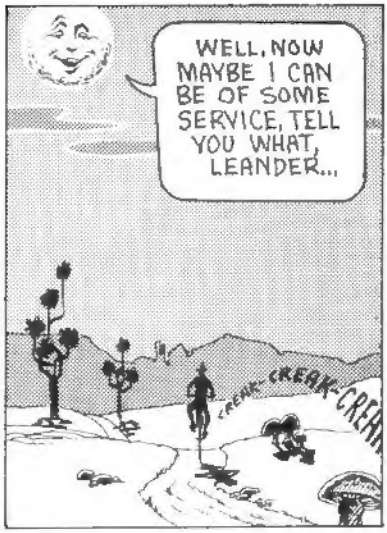
AH, DAMN...
PATCH SCHRECK

NOW THAT'S WHAT I CALL A DIRTY TRICK!


THE OLD **CAVEAT EMPTOR** AT IT'S PEAK! DISGUSTING!
NOW YOU BUTT IN! WHERE WAS YOUR ADVICE WHEN I **NEEDED** IT?

I DON'T KNOW HOW IT LOOKS FROM DOWN THERE, BUT FROM UP HERE IT SEEMS AS THOUGH YOU COULD USE ALL THE HELP YOU CAN GET!
SO WHAT AM I GONNA DO?

I DON'T KNOW WHERE GRZZ IS, OR EVEN IF THE QUEEN WILL MARRY ME ONCE I **DO** FIND HER! IN FACT, I DON'T KNOW **NOTHING**...



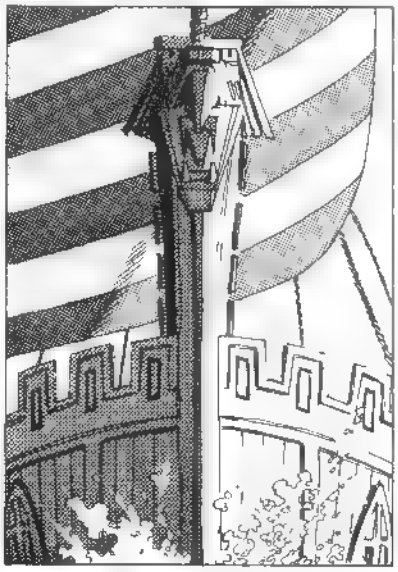
AND SO THE NEXT WEEK FINDS LEANDER KNEE-DEEP IN HIGH ADVENTURE. MIDWAY THRU THE WEEK HE BEGAN TO NOTICE A SLIGHT SCALINESS OVER HIS SKIN, AND A TENDENCY FOR IT TO CHANGE COLOR AND BLEND ITSELF WITH THE BACKGROUND. HIS BODY TEMPERATURE BEGAN TO FLUCTUATE WITH THE WEATHER, AND VAGUELY HE PONDERED THE TASTE OF FLIES. LEANDER WAS BEGINNING TO WORRY.

A WEEK! ONE FOURTH OF MY TIME GONE AND, FOR ALL I KNOW, NOT A FOOT CLOSER TO QUEEN HEPHZIBAH THAN I'VE **EVER** BEEN! I THOUGHT THAT WIND-BAG MOON WAS GONNA **DO** SOMETHING, PULL SOME STRINGS!

HEY!

WWWSSSHHH

WO-O-O!



OH LORD

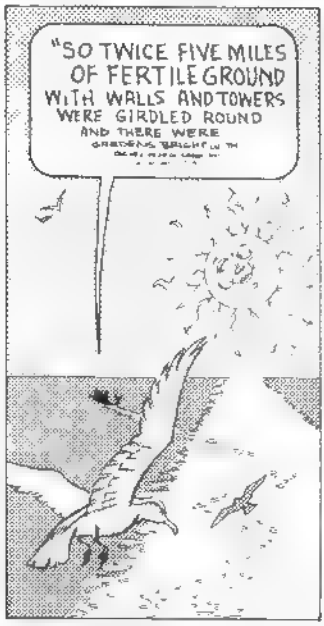
-KOFF KOFF-
HELLO! MY NAME'S COLERIDGE. DO YOU THINK YOU'LL PULL THROUGH?

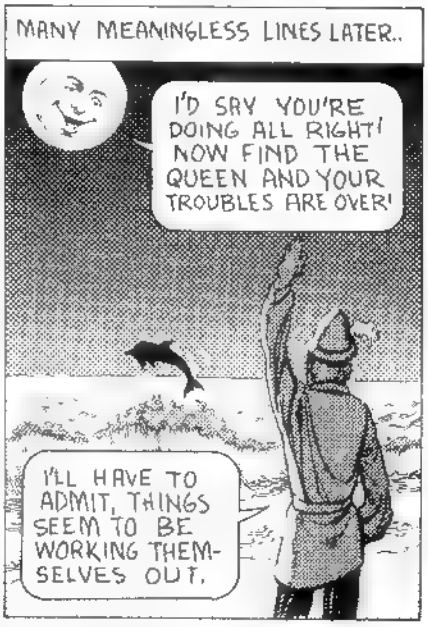
-KOFF!- I SUPPOSE SO— FOR ALL THE -KOFF- GOOD IT'LL DO ME IF I DON'T FIND QUEEN HEPHZIBAH!
HEPHZIBAH? WHY, WE'RE PRACTICALLY THERE! IN FACT..

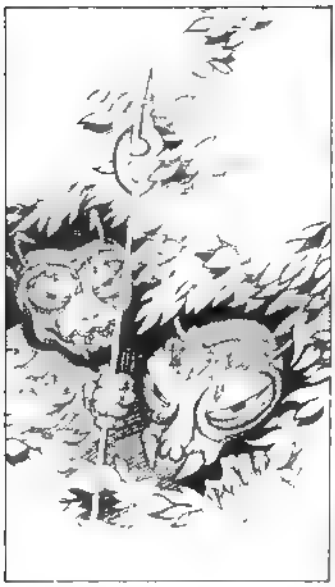
I'LL JUST HAVE TIME TO RECITE SOME POETRY! I'M SURE YOU'LL LIKE IT- I MAKE IT UP MYSELF!
ACTUALLY I DON'T MUCH CARE FOR...

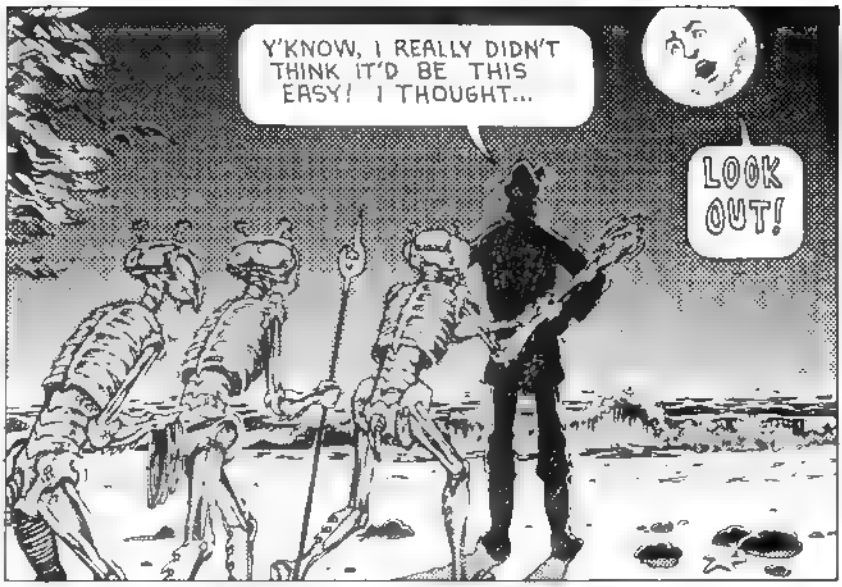
NONSENSE! EVERYONE LIKES POETRY! LISTEN! "IN XANADU DID KUBLA KAHN A STATELY PLEASURE DOME DECREE!" A RATHER NICE BEGINNING, DON'T YOU THINK?
OH YES-KOFF-VERY NICE, WOULD YOU MIND SLOWING DOWN A BIT?
NOT AT ALL! ALL THE MORE TIME FOR POETRY!

"WHERE ALPH, THE SACRED RIVER RAN THROUGH CAVERNS MEASURELESS TO MAN DOWN TO A SUNLESS SEA." I DO THINK THAT'S WELL PUT! MORE COMFORTABLE NOW?
MUCH BETTER
THEN I'LL CONTINUE.

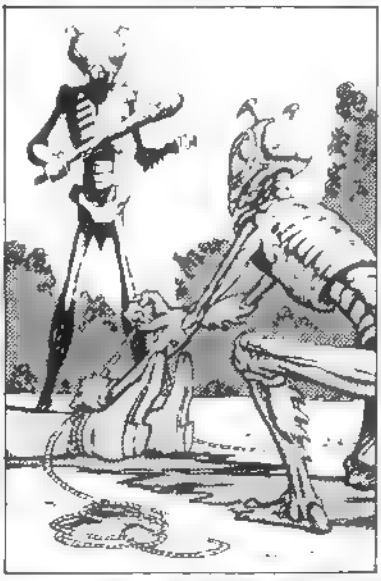

"SO TWICE FIVE MILES OF FERTILE GROUND WITH WALLS AND TOWERS WERE GIRDLED ROUND AND THERE WERE

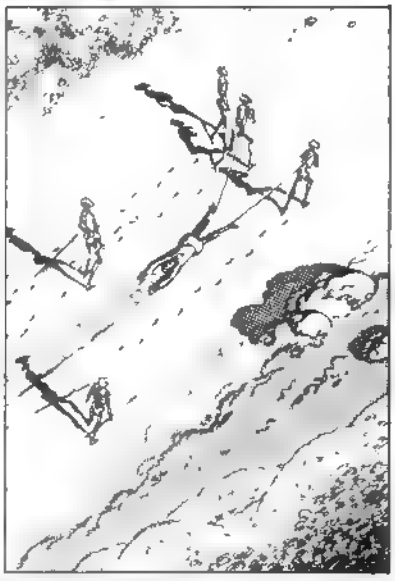

MANY MEANINGLESS LINES LATER..
I'D SAY YOU'RE DOING ALL RIGHT! NOW FIND THE QUEEN AND YOUR TROUBLES ARE OVER!
I'LL HAVE TO ADMIT, THINGS SEEM TO BE WORKING THEMSELVES OUT.

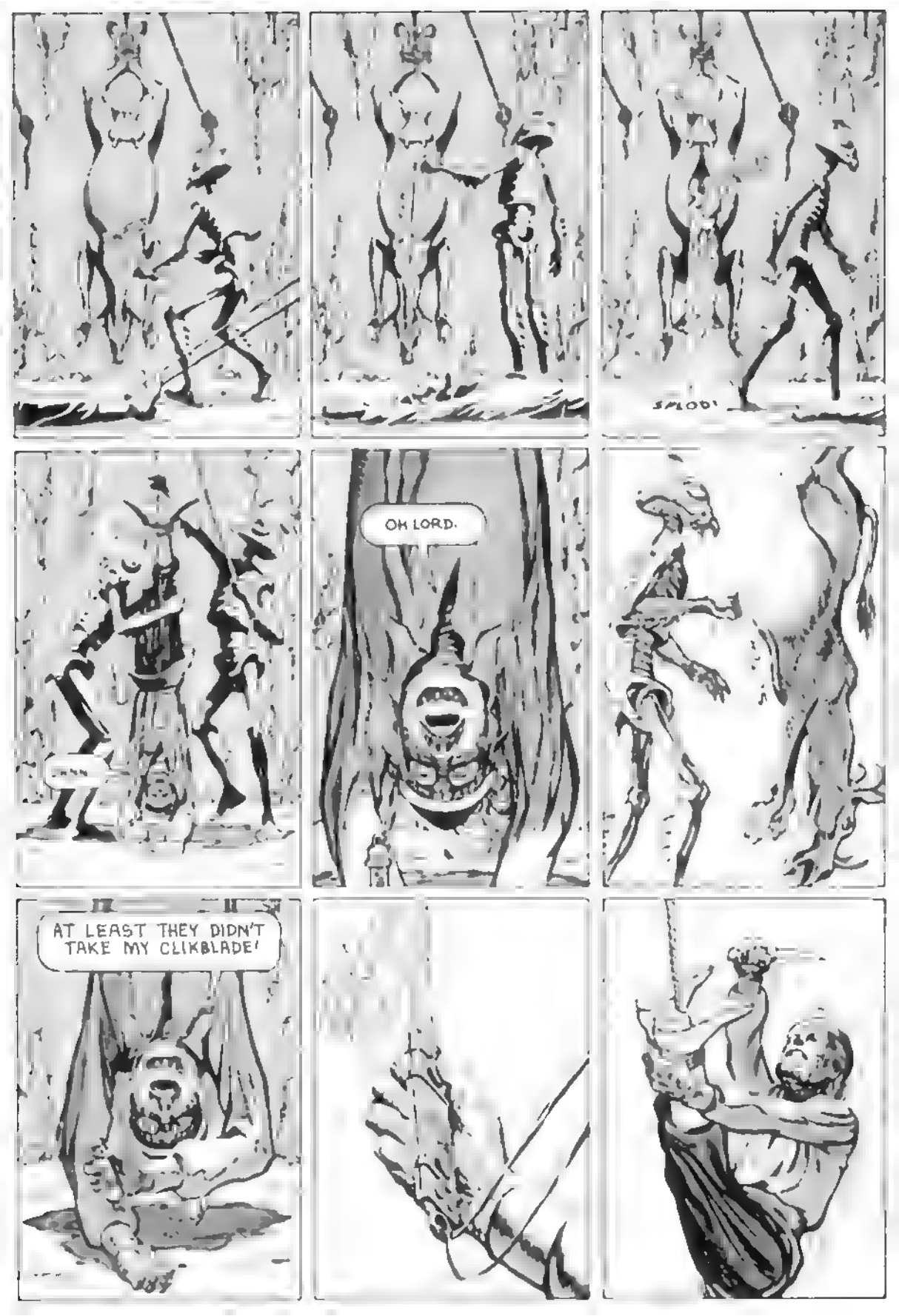



Y'KNOW, I REALLY DIDN'T THINK IT'D BE THIS EASY! I THOUGHT...
LOOK OUT!

LNGH!
KONG





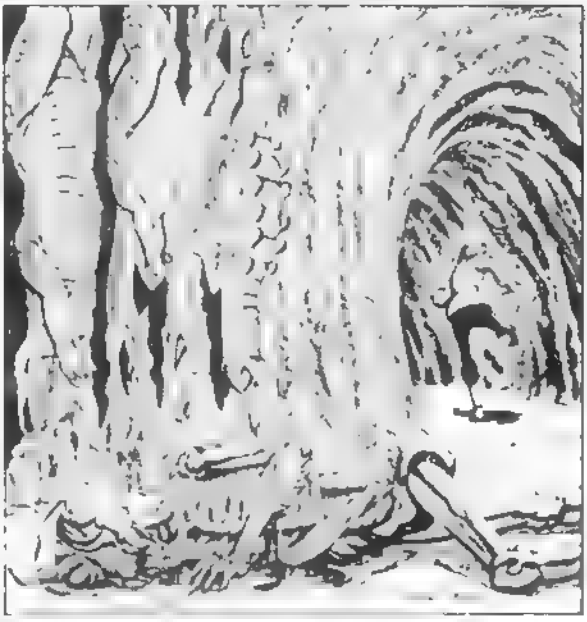

SPLOD!
OH LORD.
AT LEAST THEY DIDN'T TAKE MY CLIKBLADE!

OOF!

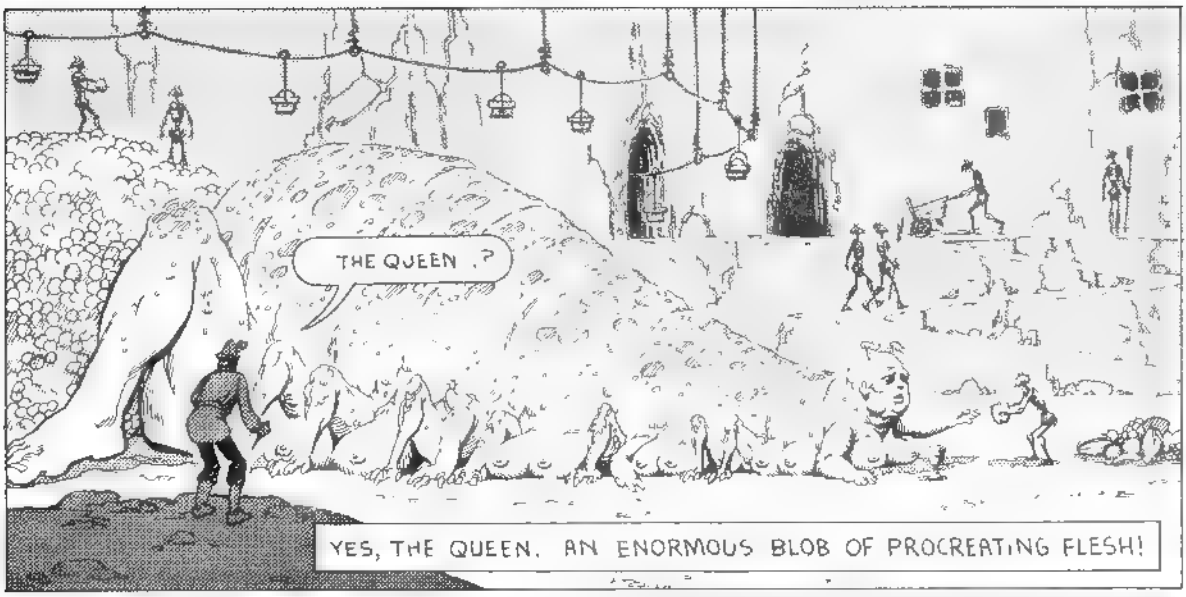
CH G?

WELL
HERE GOES

CHI-IG!
GOTCHA!

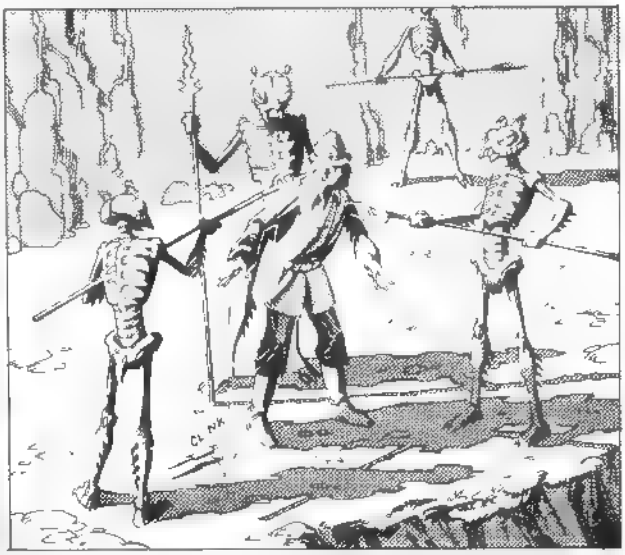


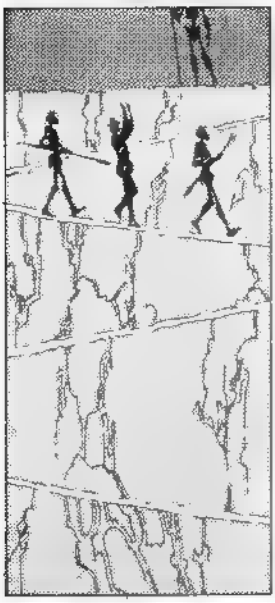
MADE IT! NOW TO FIND
MY WAY **OUT** OF HERE!


THE QUEEN .?
YES, THE QUEEN. AN ENORMOUS BLOB OF PROCREATING FLESH!

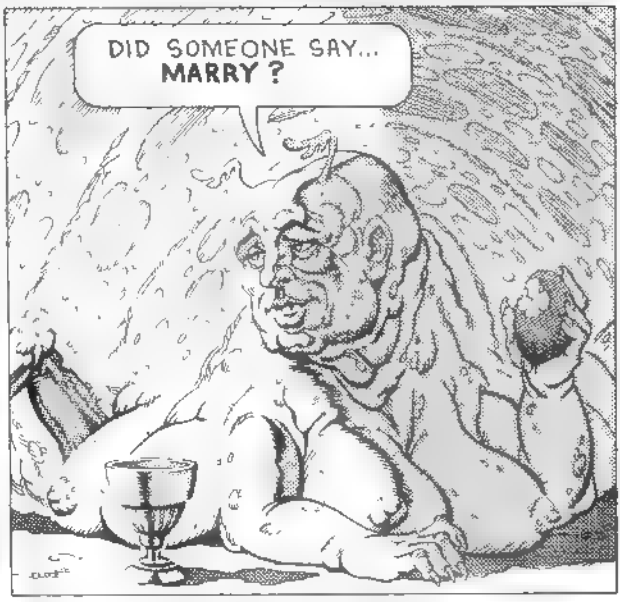
I GOT A VERY BAD FEELING ABOUT ALL THIS ..

UH-OH





IF YOU'LL WAIT JUST A MINUTE I CAN **EXPLAIN** ! ALL I WANT TO DO IS **MARRY THE QUEEN**.


DID SOMEONE SAY... **MARRY ?**

YES! I DID!
AND IF I DON'T WANT TO GET MARRIED?

BUT... BUT YOU HAVE TO! OTHERWISE I'LL TURN INTO A LIZARD AND... IT'S YOUR CURSE ISN'T IT?

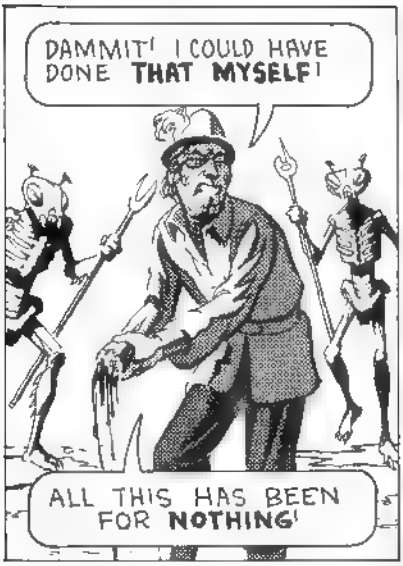
SO THAT'S IT - THAT OLD RING IS STILL AROUND! WELL STEP FORWARD AND I'LL REMOVE IT FOR YOU!

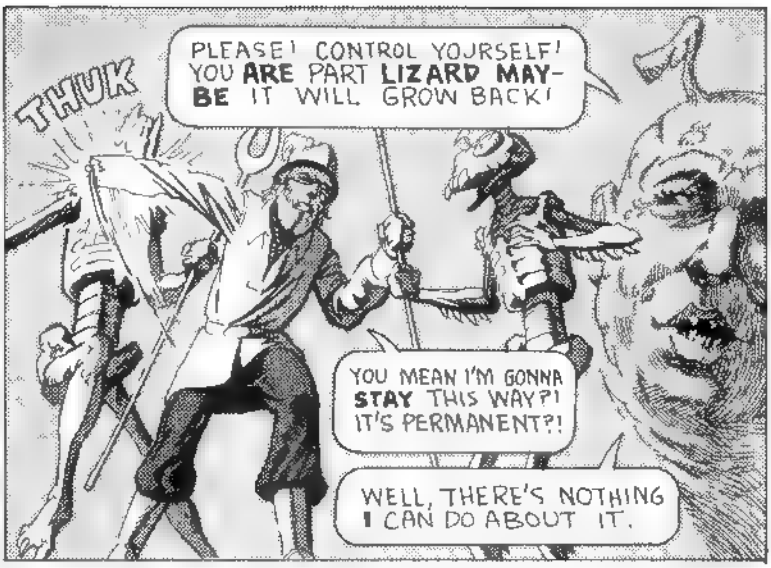
ABOUT TIME! I'M GETTING PRETTY TIRED OF THIS!
MY PLEASURE!

HEY, WAIT A MINUTE! YOU AREN'T PLANNING SOMETHING DRASTIC ARE YOU?
GRAB
FOR WHOM?

NO! HEY! WAIT A MINUTE!

CHOMP!
AAIEEEE


DAMMIT! I COULD HAVE DONE **THAT MYSELF**!
ALL THIS HAS BEEN FOR **NOTHING**!


THUK
PLEASE! CONTROL YOURSELF! YOU **ARE** PART **LIZARD MAYBE** IT WILL GROW BACK!
YOU MEAN I'M GONNA **STAY** THIS WAY?! IT'S PERMANENT?!
WELL, THERE'S NOTHING **I** CAN DO ABOUT IT.

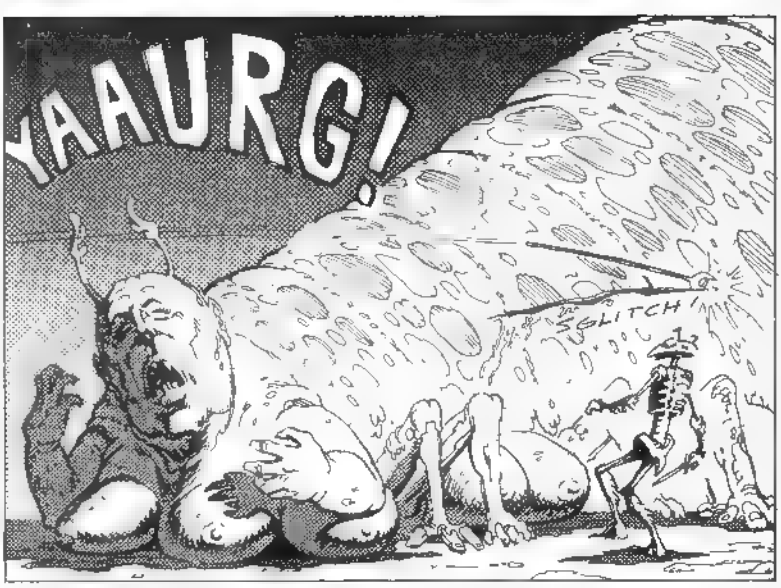
AH...**HELL!** YOU AND YOUR DAMN **CURSE**!
KUNCH

WHAP!

KRUNCH

THAT DOES IT...

I THINK I'VE TAKEN ABOUT ENOUGH...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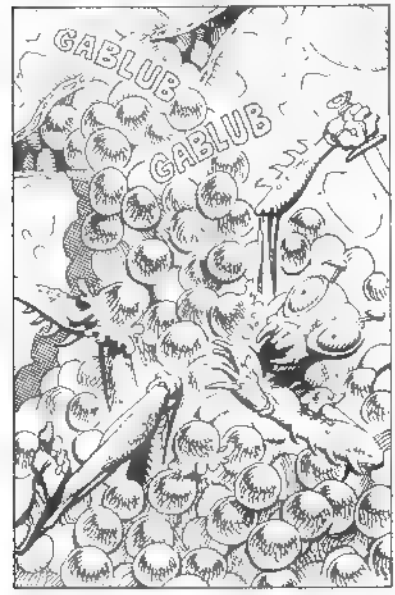
SGLITCH!


GABLUB
GABLUB

CHI-I-GI
KRUNCH!
POUT!

SKRUNK
THOK

WELCOME BACK, LEANDER! FOR AN AMATEUR, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE COMING OUT ALL RIGHT! MUCH BETTER THAN I THOUGHT YOU WOULD!

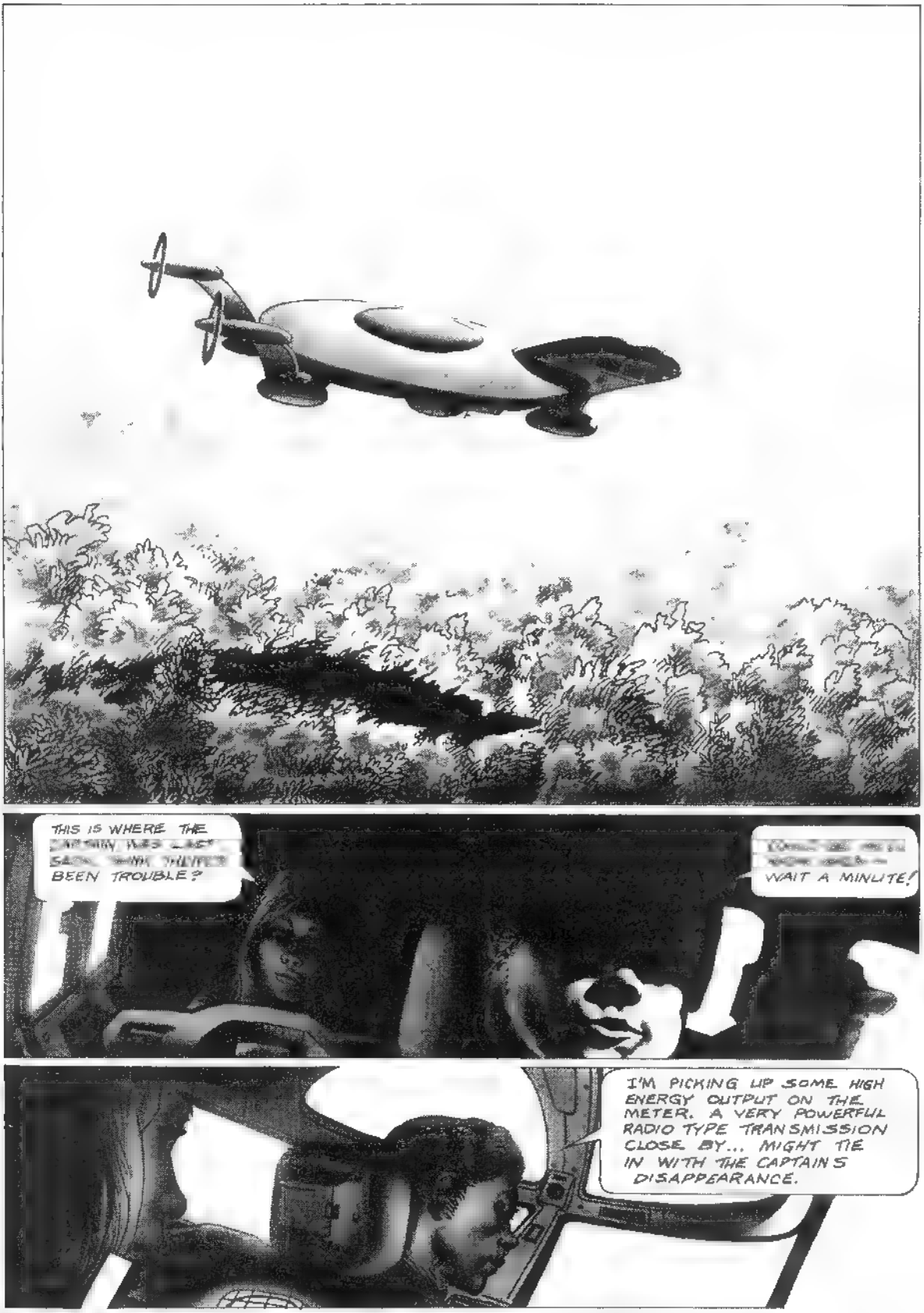
IN FACT, YOU MAY FIND CERTAIN ADVANTAGES TO BEING PART LIZARD! YOUR HAND FOR INSTANCE...
YEAH - I HEARD ALREADY.

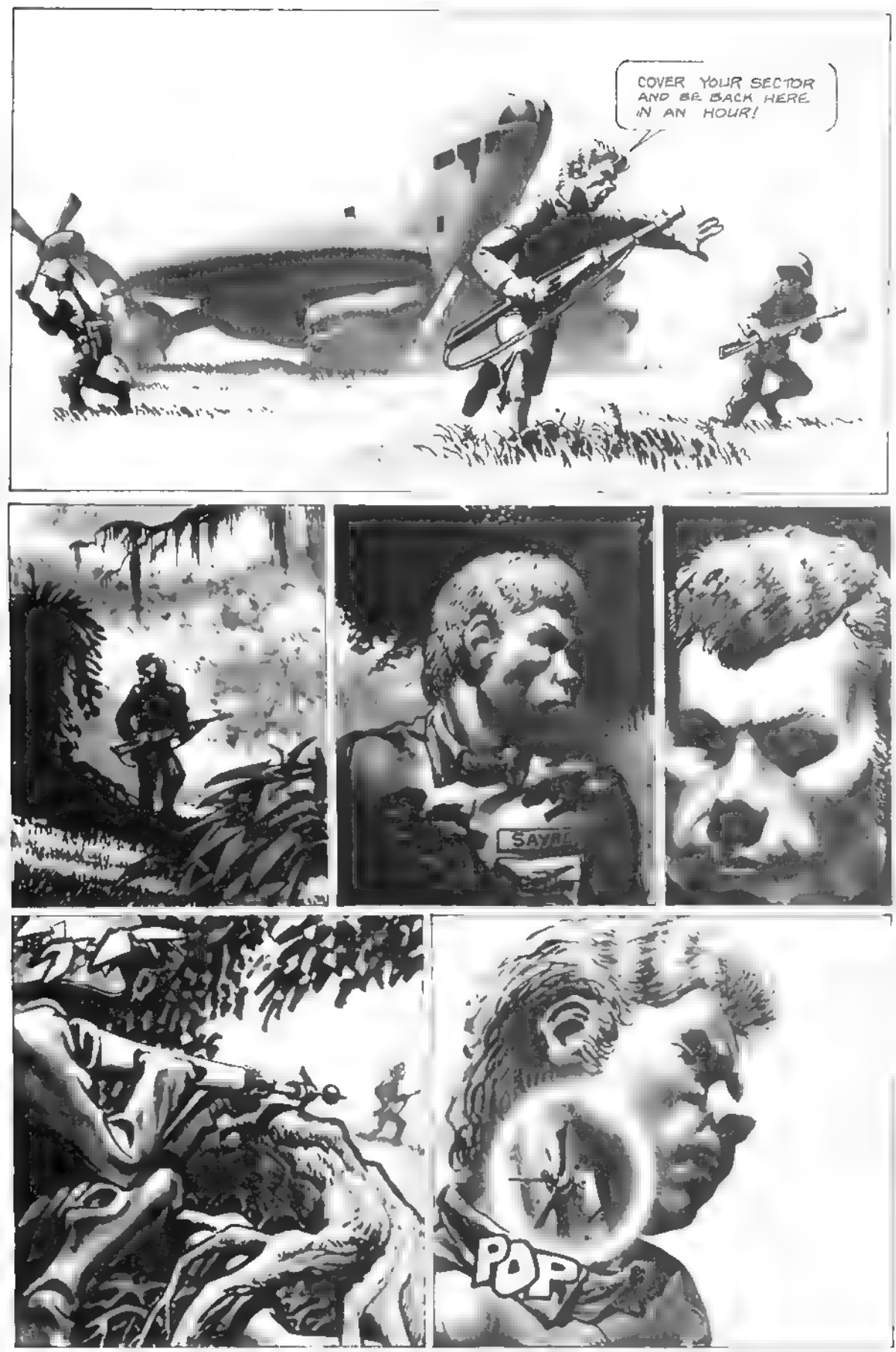
GLAD YOU MADE IT LEANDER! NOW I CAN FINISH THAT POEM...
JUST TAKE ME HOME, COLERIDGE.
MAD

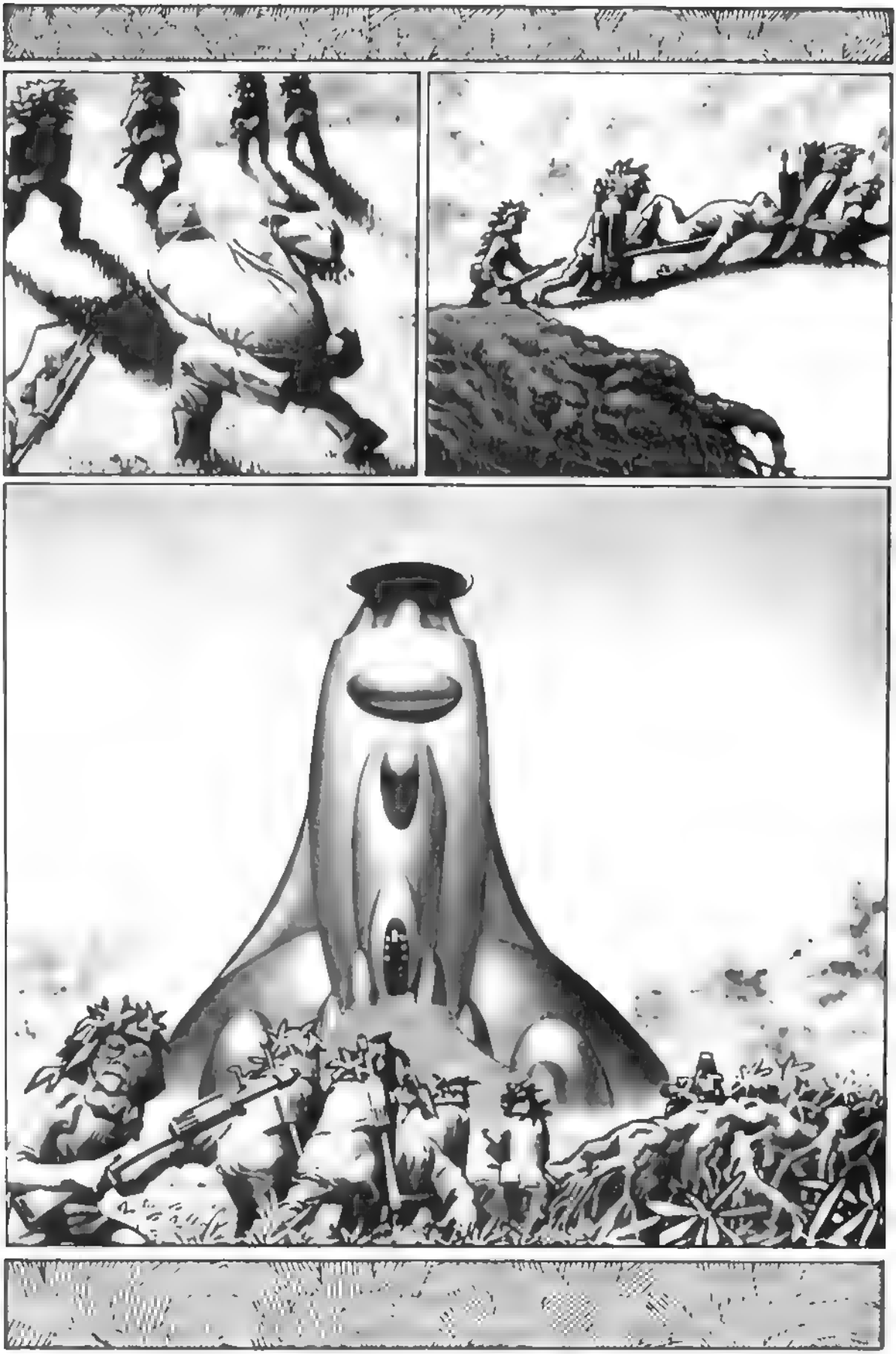
WHAT NEXT, LEANDER, WHEN YOU GET HOME? NOT MANY JOBS FOR A LIZARD MAN.
WELL, THE FIRST THING I'M GONNA DO...

I'M GONNA KILL ME A MERCHANT.
AND SO WE FIND THE TURNED WORM ISN'T THE

ENCOUNTER AT WAR



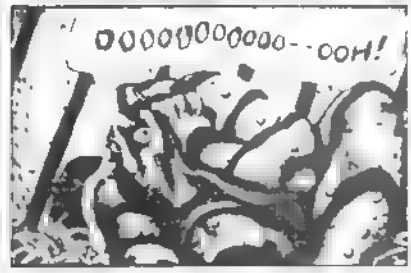

COVER YOUR SECTOR AND BE BACK HERE IN AN HOUR!
SAYRE
POP



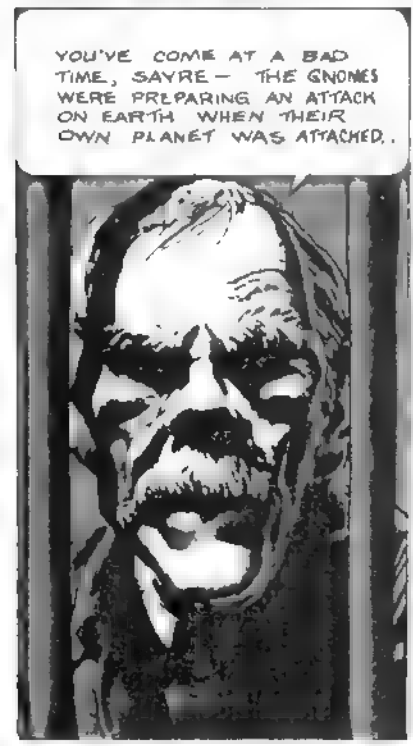
MMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMMM

AGK

OUGH!
FUMP


OOOOOOOOOOO--OOH!

SAYRE! I SEE YOU'VE MET BUTCH.
CAPTAIN PHILLIPS!

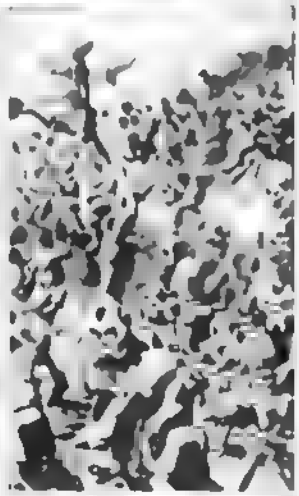

YOU'VE COME AT A BAD TIME, SAYRE— THE GNOMES WERE PREPARING AN ATTACK ON EARTH WHEN THEIR OWN PLANET WAS ATTACKED.

NOW AS SOON AS THEY'VE GOT BACK ALL THE TROOPS THEY'D TRANSPORTED TO EARTH, OUR ONLY LINK WITH HOME WILL BE SEVERED!
SO WE'RE TRAPPED HERE!

RIGHT — UNTIL THIS WHOLE PLACE CRUMBLES DOWN AROUND US DURING THE FIGHT ON THE SURFACE

WHUMPA
RUMBLE
CREAK
CLICK

MAUCH!!!



GET THE ELEVATOR!
DUM
DUM

BLAM
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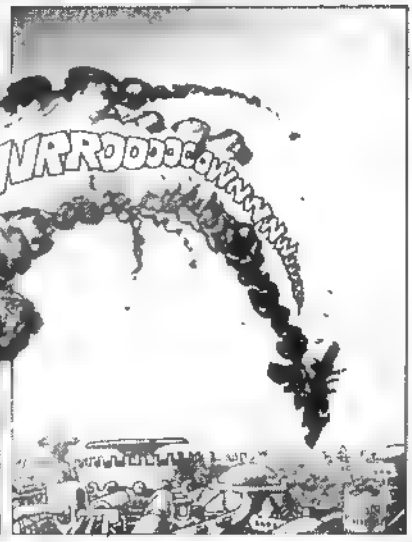

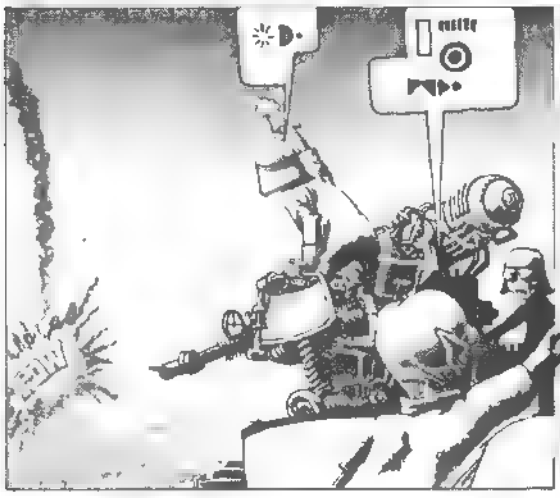
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WOM
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BLANG
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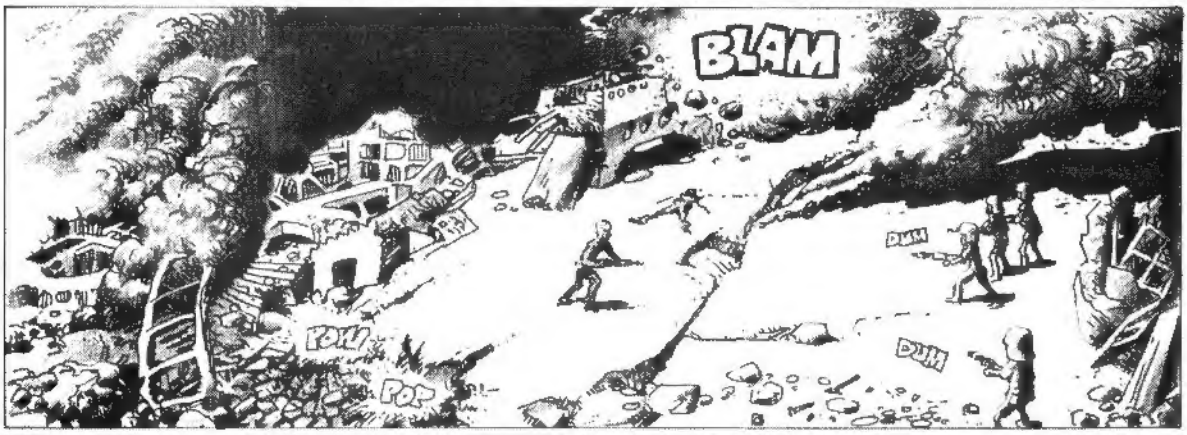
THE TRANSMITTER BUILDING!
OUCH!
SWK!
click
click
MMMMMMMMMM
HHHHH

POP
POP
WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE'S CAPTAIN PHILLIPS?

YOU BASTARD!
YOU COULD'VE WAITED!
HE'S DEAD!

PAW
DUM DUM DUM
POW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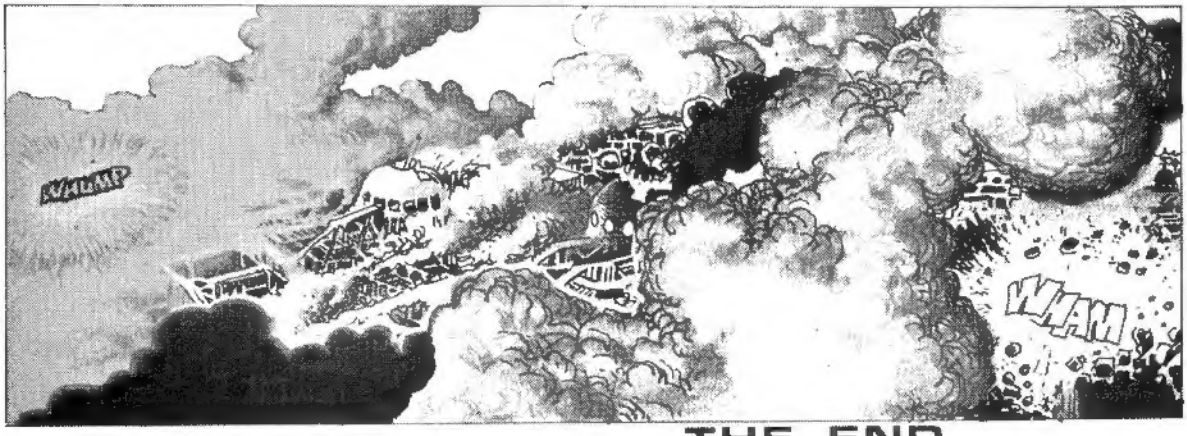
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